

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Jan Worthington, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Martha Nagy, Carol Nickerson, Brian Dickey, Rose Kennedy, Craig Hathaway, Joel Grozier, Jen Creech, Cathy Costa, David Martin, Kathy deSousa, Mike Roderick, Fred Sateriale, Breon Dunigan Bailey, Trudi Brazil, Mark Peters, Ron Wichowski, John Garra, Jeffrey Coho, Jeffrey and Shannon Perry, Naomi Rorro, Bruce Boleyn, Skip and Margie Childs, Raini Brownell, Carol Klass, Philip Smith, Charles Morton, Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder, Eric Williams of the CC Times, and Pru Sowers of the Banner.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of June 27, 2006, as presented. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0-1, with Mr. Lucy abstaining.

Public Comment: Ms. Nagy requested that the BOS appoint the alternate member as a regular member of the TBC, filling the expired term of Tim Dickey; then an ad can be placed for an alternate member, and they can move to fill the unexpired term of Betty Groom. **Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Breon Dunigan Bailey as a full member of the TBC and to advertise the alternate position. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Craig Hathaway told the BOS that while everyone in NT Center feels the Flex bus is a good thing, there have been problems with the lack of toilet facilities. He asked if the town was going to put something in place. Mr. Gaechter said that they had received complaints regarding noise and odor, and they have been working it for two weeks. He asked Ms. Nolan to update them on what she has done. Ms. Nolan told them that a member of the CCRTA did a site visit today. We have asked to move the site down towards the overpass, but we are looking at moving the entire site down to town owned property in another location for next year. We are looking into all possibilities, but if we cannot move the site now, we will place a portable toilet there. Mr. Gaechter said that the Shuttle bus has been stopping in the middle of Highland Road instead of where it should be stopping, by the P&B bus stop. The Board had no objection to placing a porta-potty. Ms. Nolan was directed to arrange this.

Mr. Roderick informed the Board that the cement for the bike rack is not on town property, but is on his and Mr. Sateriale's. He noted that the bus drivers have been using the abutting properties as a bathroom, not the passengers. He and Mr. Sateriale have no objection if the town puts a porta potty on their property, up against their fence. The Board thanked them for that.

Linnet Hultin asked what the requirement was for public places to provide facilities. Mr. Palmer told her that it is required only if there is seating.

David Martin said that there has always been traffic congestion at that intersection, and thought the blinking light just confuses people. He recommended a four-way light.

Brian Dickey had people urinating on his property over the July 4th weekend. He suggested a four-way stop at that intersection.

Mr. Gaechter directed the Town Administrator to call Chief Thomas with these points. He will also call as liaison.

Cathy Costa was concerned with the busses being moved out of North Truro Center. She noted that there have always been heavy trucks in the area, and it will be harder for residents to catch the bus if it is moved.

Joel Grozier said that the urination is a real problem for his property, too. He feels that the congestion from the busses, added to the delivery trucks for the local businesses, is just too much; citing safety issues, he feels that no way the busses should be there. He feels moving to the other side of the overpass is a good idea.

NPS Audit of Golf Course financial statements: Ms. Brazil gave an overview of the audit process, and explained that under our contract with the NPS we are required to submit a yearly report and an audit of the yearly report. Because of our unique situation as a concessionaire, we have not had to do that. But we must now do this audit of the financial statements of the golf course. We have been obtaining guidelines for our auditors to follow; these standards were hard to get because of our unique situation. She asked the BOS to authorize Sullivan, Rogers & Company, LLC to perform a review. A request to the FinCom for a transfer of funds to pay for this must be done. **Mr. Palmer moved to approve a review by Sullivan, Rogers & Company, LLC and to authorize the Chair to sign the engagement letter, conditional upon FinCom approval of the transfer of the necessary funds of \$5,750.00. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Chapter 90: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the contract with the State for Chapter 90 and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Hartman seconded it. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Request for One-day Alcoholic Beverage Licenses: Mr. Gaechter moved to approve the request from the Truro Historical Society and Highland Museum for three one-day Wine and Malt licenses and to waive the fee. Mr. Hartman seconded it. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Curb Cut application, 137 Shore Road. Ms. Kennedy explained that this curb cut was for a new single family dwelling. Mr. Palmer moved to approve the curb cut. Mr. Lucy seconded it. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Reappointments: Mr. Gaechter moved to reappoint Matthew Kiefer to the Historical Commission and Betty Bingham as an alternate to the Recycling Committee. Mr. Palmer seconded it. **Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Board of Assessors: Bruce Boleyn has applied to fill a vacancy on the Board of Assessors. He feels he can be of service on this Board because he does assessments as a matter of course in his real estate profession. **Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Bruce Boleyn to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Golf Course Advisory Commission: The Board has received two applications to fill one vacancy. Philip Smith told the BOS that he is retired and would appreciate the opportunity to serve the town. He has joined Truro Treasures and serves as their treasurer. He feels the golf course is a special place in Truro. He would like to see a two-tiered fee structure for residents and non-residents. Carol Klass plays golf on the course four times a week. She enjoys the interchange with the golf course employees. **Mr. Palmer moved to appoint Philip Smith to the GCAC. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Interview: Pamet Harbor Commission: There are two openings on the PHC. Charles Morton told the Board that he feels the harbor is a great asset. He would like to serve on a voluntary board. He has secretarial skills that may be useful. Mr. Lucy questioned if the alternate members of the PHC should be moved up to full members, and Mr. Morton appointed as an alternate. It was noted that neither alternate has informed them that they want to become a full member. After discussion, **Mr. Lucy moved to appoint Mr. Morton as a full member of the PHC. Ms. Worthington seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Interviews: BOFE: The Board had received five applications to serve on the BOFE. Mr. Duarte was not present. The Board interviewed Mr. Wichowski, Mr. Childs, Mr. Coho, and Mr. Perry. After each Selectman had a chance to ask questions of each applicant in turn, Mr. Gaechter asked the Chief Engineer for his input. Mr. Garran told the Board that his department has been in turmoil for the last 6-8 months. They have been working on designing a new fire truck, so there have been lots of meetings. Having a divided Board has been very unpleasant. He noted that the last time the BOFE had been unable to reach consensus on a recommendation. He had wanted to bring all the applicants in before the BOFE in order to form a consensus, but that would have to have been done in open session and he was afraid of fireworks. Only one applicant came in to plead his case. He did have a majority vote for Jeff Perry. The BOS agreed that they were ready to make an appointment this evening. **Ms. Worthington moved to nominate Jeff Perry to the BOFE. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.** Ms. Worthington wanted it understood by the press and public that the BOFE has been solidly behind Skip Childs as Rescue Squad Chief; there is a difference between EMS Chief and the BOFE. She is personally saddened by all this. She respects and admires Skip Childs. She thanked all the applicants, adding that ultimately she feels this will be the best thing for the Department.

Chamber contract: Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the payment of \$12k for printing costs and authorize himself as Chair to sign it. Mr. Palmer seconded it. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Reported on her meeting in Harwich on the No Place for Hate designation. The Harwich representatives recommended that if we wanted to pursue this we should form a committee over the summer. Once the committee was in place, Myriam Zuber, Director of the NE District, would come before the BOS to explain the program. Mr. Gaechter said he would like to hear what the expectations are before forming a committee. Ms. Worthington said she would be more comfortable with this if the interest had come from a citizen. She feels it can be political. Mr.

Gaechter questioned how the BOS could get the interest. Ms. Worthington said she was not sure it is the BOS place to get the interest; she feels it is the cart before the horse. Ms. Nolan said usually the effort comes from citizens, not the BOS, and so the committee gets formed first. Mr. Hartman noted that presently 10% of the full time population is serving on boards, and this would be a diversion of effort. The consensus was to table this for now.

- Received a bill for \$50.00 to reapply for trademark registration with the State. The logo was Truro--a different place. The consensus was to let it go by the boards.

- Reported that Mr. Morris has requested that the Board approve the expenditure of \$1k to hire Verdin Specialties to consult on the bell situation. Mr. Palmer moved to authorize the expenditure of \$1k to bring a consultant in to solve the bell situation. Mr. Lucy seconded it.

Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Worthington:- She would like to discuss designating part of the parking spaces in the town beach lots as resident only spaces. Mr. Gaechter asked if by resident, she meant tax payers or year-round. She said she meant year-round. Mr. Gaechter suggested input from the Beach Commission and the Beach Supervisor. Ms. Nolan was to set this up.

Next week's agenda: Joint meeting with the Planning Board, and possibly the ConsCom and Town Counsel.

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to discuss strategy with respect to employment contract issues and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye; Worthington, aye. 5-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

Janet W. Worthington

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